

I hope that there will be a way for people to "time-shift" their viewing, i.e. record program(s) while they are at work or whatever and then view them at a convenient time. This is what I, and many others I know, do with their VCRs. We are not trying to "pirate" video material or do anything illegal. We are also taking advantage of the very low cost of a basic VCR (less than \$100) and are worried that bundling everything into one box will eliminate the competition that produced the low cost of these VCRs. Even putting ports on the TV set to interface to VCRs with less than full 1080i or 720p HDTV resolution would be acceptable. The fear is that the TV's will come out with TiVo like hard drive storage with all sorts of expensive electronics and microprocessors that will drive the price sky high. HDTV is going to be bad enough for those of us who really don't care for it and certainly don't want to pay the high prices that a new market will bring, only to find that time shifting is also a new market with high prices when some creative engineering could avert this. Perhaps even a standards converter in the TV to 525i so that current VCRs could be used? I have always been of the opinion that the FCC should represent the consumer and keep prices down - now is a time to do this.

Sincerely, John M. Buzby